

REMARKS

This Response to Restriction/Election is made in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004 imposing a restriction/election requirement on the claims. **Applicant elects Group I (Claims 1, 9-16 and 23-25) without traverse as well as claims 26-31 newly added herein and believed to also belong to Group I.**

Claims 2-8 were previously canceled. Applicant has canceled restricted and non-elected claims 17-23 without prejudice to pursue in a related application now or in the future. Applicant has added new Claims 26-31 where claim 26 is a method claim analogous to apparatus claim 1, claim 28 is a method claim analogous to claim 13, and claims 27 and 29-31 are claims dependent therefrom. It is submitted that the particular apparatus and method claims now presented are related and are not distinct as argued by the examiner relative to the Group I and Group II claims last presented.


Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, 13, 14, and 23 to place the claims in better form for examination.

Accompanying this response is a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and the required extension fee to extend the due date to 20 July 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this Response to Restriction/Election including fees for added claims not otherwise already paid for, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (No. A-68359-1/RMA (469113-41)).

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